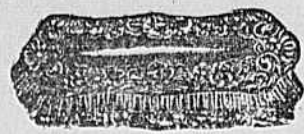


Miller & Rhoads

Store Not Open Nights—Closed All Day Next Monday.

Sterling Silver Clothes Brush



Sterling Silver tops; best quality bristles; made to sell at \$5.00; an unusually acceptable Christmas gift, engraved free..... \$2.98

An Extra Value in Fine China at 19c

We have at this price one table of assorted gift articles in Fine Austrian China, highly decorated. Some of the items are Salad Bowls, Hair Receivers, Pin Trays, Hatpin Holders, Comb and Brush Trays, Cracker Jars, Mayonnaise Dishes, Puff Boxes and numerous other gift articles on this table at..... 19c

\$3.00 Long Kid Gloves at \$1.19

What would be a more useful and appropriate gift than a pair of these Long Kid Gloves. 16-button length Black Kid Gloves, extra good values; special here to-day at..... \$1.19

HOFMEIER PLANS MODERN THEATRE

Original Design Changed So as to Increase Seating Capacity.

TO GET BIG ATTRACTIONS

Broad Street House Will Stand in Same Class With Leading Theatres.

Changes in the plans for the Hofmeier Theatre, being erected at the northeast corner of Jefferson and Broad Streets, approved yesterday by Building Inspector Beck, insure the erection of the most modern and up-to-date playhouse in Richmond. The changes include the largest box of steel and concrete fire-proof balcony, the cutting out of two stories proposed to be set in the front, and the substitution of smoking rooms and women's retiring rooms. The plans call for a building which will seat 1,100, exclusive of the large boxes which will seat nearly a hundred more. The Academy of Music, with its balcony and gallery, seats only 1,200, and the Bijou about 100 less. The new theatre, therefore, will be the equal of either of the older houses from a capacity standpoint, while in construction and interior fitting it will be superior to anything erected here for amusement purposes.

Practically Fire-Proof. Inspector Beck says that while not what is technically known as fireproof throughout, the new building is practically so. The balcony is entirely so, being on steel beams with a concrete floor. The main auditorium floor is directly on the ground, with no basement under it.

The balcony room is inclosed in brick walls, the stage and cellar under the stage fully cut off from the remainder of the house as provided in the building code, and the house in every respect meets the exacting requirements of that ordinance.

All of the theatres now in use in Richmond were erected before the building code was adopted, and none of them meets its requirements in detail.

The changes authorized yesterday in the plans will add \$3,500 to the estimated cost.

Mr. Hofmeier said last night that since ground had been broken he had entirely changed his plans in regard to the uses to which the new house will be put.

First-Class Attractions. It had been planned then to build the main walls on permanent lines, with a view of the alterations now authorized, but to use the house for the present for moving pictures and vaudeville, with the additions, the house will be for first-class attractions.

"We propose to put on the best that the road has to offer," said Mr. Hofmeier. "Our plans are not yet fully perfected. In fact, we have not yet selected a name for the theatre. But the building is being greatly enlarged over the original designs by the installation of a fireproof gallery seating 400, and a change in the arrangement of the boxes, making it a first-class house in every respect. Our architect, C. K. Howell, will go to New York in the next few days to study the most modern interior arrangements and seating, heating and ventilating plans, all of which we propose to make the very best of their kind."

We intend to equip the interior with every conceivable device to attract the house open to engagements of the best class of road attractions, and so far as possible will offer them at popular prices.

Two Local Warnings in Town. Attorney Louis W. Werners, of New York, qualified yesterday to practice law in the City Circuit Court. Mr. Werners says that he is no kin to Richmond's big Chief of Police. He is in Richmond to represent Miller & Co., of New York and Richmond, in a damage suit case pending in this court.

Qualifications in Chancery. Russell Williams qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as administrator of the estate of John C. Williams. The estate is valued at \$2,500.

James M. Hall qualified as executor of the will of Ella P. Caldwell. The estate is valued at \$22,250.

Noel Case Continued. The case against Noel Noel, white, charged with having stolen a red and white coat, R. H. Woolfolk and stealing therefrom an overcoat, was continued to January 4.

Fannie Lee, colored, charged with having stolen a coat and a hat, and the latter white, were fined \$20 each and placed under \$100 security for thirty days on a charge of living together.

Big Demand for Liqueur Stamps. Holiday Trade Responsible for Increased Receipts From Manufacturers.

Increased manufacture of whiskey in the eastern section of Virginia, known as the second collection district, embracing Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Richmond and Fredericksburg, has largely swelled the receipts of the local office of the United States Internal Revenue Department. Tuesday more than \$40,000 was collected, while this was nearly equalled yesterday.

Collector M. K. Lowry said yesterday that the bulk of these taxes is from the distillers, although the tobacco tax figured in the year's business is the largest.

The present demand for whiskey stamps is about about, he said, by the holiday trade.

Collector Lowry attributes the increased manufacture of booze in Virginia to prohibition in North Carolina, from which State most of the distillers and rectifiers moved into Virginia, many of them locating in the vicinity of Portsmouth, while a large number took up their abode in Henrico and Chesterfield counties.

Richmond Teacher Honored. Miss Julia R. Henning, of this city, has recently been the recipient of distinguished honors from Columbia University and Barnard College, New York. At a recent session of the executive board of the college, she was bestowed upon Miss Henning the degree of master of arts of that institution, while several weeks ago she had been awarded the bachelor of arts, the highest degree bestowed by the college. Miss Henning is at present teacher of Greek and Roman history in the John Marshall High School.

BECK CONDEMNED OLD FORD'S HOTEL

Once Famous Landmark Now Declared Unsafe Even for Temporary Use.

FRUIT VENDOR MUST GET OUT

Lobby Floor Not Strong Enough for Distribution of Salvation Army Baskets.

The last occupant—a Syrian fruit vendor of unpronounceable name—will vacate Ford's Hotel on January 1, under order of Building Inspector Beck, and the old building stands condemned and useless, probably soon to be torn away. For the past year parts of it have been known to be unsafe, especially the ceiling of the dining room, once a handsome state apartment in a handsome hotel of the older type. Last spring Building Inspector Beck declined to allow the University College of Medicine to use the building for class rooms after the college was burned.

The fruit vendor held on, selling his wares on the Broad Street sidewalk and storing them in the building at night, acting to some extent as a caretaker. Had that been all, no objection would have been made. But the weather was chilly outside, and the Syrian proposed to move into the main lobby of the old hotel for the winter.

Lobby Floor Dangerous. And that was all. Assistant Wiggins, of the Salvation Army, proposed to use the vacant hotel as a distributing point for Christmas gifts. Knowing that such use would gather a throng of people, Mr. Beck yesterday inspected parts of the building. The lobby floor was found to be dangerous, and the truss over the main dining room noticeably sagged. The roof leaks in many places, and the old structure is a wreck of what it once was. On this report, Justice Crutcher ordered the Syrian to get out, and the building will be left to rats and mice, whose work, according to the inspector, has contributed largely to weakening the wooden beams and adding to its generally alliphand condition.

The Mayor has vetoed on technical grounds the ordinance proposing that the city acquire the site for an annex to the City Hall for State and city courts. The measure will probably pass with the requisite vote. It is believed that the site can be acquired for less than \$100,000, and that the cost to the city of the entire block will not amount to \$200,000.

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CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

Sergeant Wiley Goes to Washington and Sees Alleged Blackmailer.

Alton A. Armstrong, who is held in Washington, D. C., under \$3,000 bail on a charge of fleecing a merchant, was identified yesterday by Mary Howard, of this city, as the man who a few months ago, bound, gagged and robbed her of more than \$40.

The Howard woman was taken to Washington by Detective-Sergeant Wiley. She was permitted to see Armstrong, and recognized him instantly. Armstrong is reported to have willed when he stared in the woman's eyes. The latter had been advised by Sergeant Wiley to say nothing, but the memory of the wrong overcame her, and she was more than vehement in her accusation.

Warrant Issued Here. Detective and woman returned to Richmond early last night, and Sergeant Wiley immediately swore out a warrant against Armstrong, charging him with the case of the woman.

Before leaving Richmond, Sergeant Wiley visited the offices of the Washington District Attorney and of the United States Attorney, and the evidence of the woman was taken down and recorded before both.

Before leaving Richmond yesterday morning, Sergeant Wiley charged Bailey Knott and his alleged wife, Flossie Knott, who has several aliases, lived here in the autumn of last year in a house on Main Street. Funds are said to have become low, and they appeared in various places, and they appeared in the Broad Street playhouses. Knott did something after the order of the famous William Tell act. He shot an apple off his wife's head, or shot out a lighted candle held by a friend. He was a good marksman, when a man named Anderson, who conducts a shooting gallery on East Broad Street, held the match. Knott missed his aim. Anderson exhibits his thumb as evidence of Knott's failure to hit the mark.

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At \$2.95---Men's Worsted Trousers, worth \$5.

At \$3.25---Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, worth \$5.

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At \$5.75---Boys' Overcoats and Reefers, worth up to \$10.

At \$8.75---Boys' Long Overcoats, worth \$12.50.

Gans-Rady Company

Open Till 7 o'Clock To-Night

SCOTT ALLEY CASE NOW FULLY ARGUED

Judge Grinnan Takes Matter Under Advisement—Many Authorities Cited.

Argument was concluded yesterday in the question of closing the alley in the rear of the premises of Fred W. Scott, on West Franklin Street, between Shafer and Harrison, and the case was taken under advisement by Judge Grinnan, of the Chancery Court. A large number of authorities have been cited by both sides, and it is expected that the court will go into the matter carefully before announcing a decision.

A ruling of the court is awaited with interest, not only by Mr. Scott and those opposed to him in the question, but there is a decided conflict of opinion as to the right of the city to authorize any such closing of a public alley dedicated to the city, and once opened as a thoroughfare. On this matter the Mayor and the City Attorney took direct issue, and each quoted many legal opinions to sustain his position. The Mayor vetoed the ordinance as clearly exceeding the powers of the Council.

They Could Not Agree. Those favoring the measure secured an opinion from the City Attorney holding it to be within the power of the Council, and acting on that opinion the Council adopted the ordinance authorizing the closing of the alley over the veto of the Mayor.

The Mayor has always held that the city has no such right. In messages to the Council he has urged that the Council require the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company to remove its abutment at the Church Hill end of its viaduct, which entirely closes Marshall Street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second Streets. The Mayor holds that the city had no legal right to donate to any private or public service corporation for its exclusive and private use a public street, to the detriment of the interests of others. In several other instances the Council has authorized the closing of streets and streets over the protest of the Mayor, and it now seems evident that the courts will be called on to define clearly just how far the Council may legally proceed in such matters.

MARION HARLAND NOW 80 YEARS OLD

Former Richmond Woman Still Maintains Vigorous Mental and Physical Activity.

Mrs. Virginia Hawes Terhune, better known under her pen name of Marion Harland, celebrated her eightieth birthday yesterday at her home, 308 West Ninety-fifth Street, New York, her eleven children and grandchildren being present.

Mrs. Terhune is the sister of S. H. Hawes and Colonel G. Percy Hawes, of this city, and was born in Richmond December 21, 1830, having frequently remarked that she celebrated her birthdays on the shortest day in the year. While still a school girl living at her father's home on Leigh Street, afterwards used as St. Paul's Church Home, she wrote some of her best known novels, and achieved a wide reputation. She married Rev. Edward Payson Terhune, D. D., of Newark, N. J., who died a few years ago.

According to Mrs. Terhune's announcement, her birthday dinner was prepared after her own receipts, her series of cook books having done much to make Virginia cooking famous the world over.

Mrs. Terhune has by no means given up active work, despite her advanced age, working every day on her literary pursuits with remarkable facility. She asserts that her good health and mental activity are largely due to her habit of taking daily exercise and in cultivating a sense of humor. She takes gymnastic exercises for fifteen minutes each morning, and always rests after luncheon, and later takes a walk in the open air each afternoon. Mrs. Terhune has two daughters and a son living in New York City. They are Christine Terhune Herriek, Virginia Terhune Van De Water and Albert Payson Terhune, all of whom have at different times been engaged in literary work, of one sort or another.

Mrs. Terhune has recently published a volume of reminiscences, in which many Richmond people and Richmond traditions are mentioned.

Fugitive from Clover. Willis Claiborne, colored, was arrested Tuesday night by Policeman Brantley on a charge of being a fugitive from Clover in the case of highway robbery. The case was continued to December 28, and the authorities from Clover are expected to communicate further with the Richmond police in the meantime.

CHRISTMAS RUSH AT POST-OFFICE

New Quarters Secured to Expedite Handling of Incoming Mail.

To accommodate the Christmas rush, which has now reached huge proportions, the post-office has had to seek additional floor space. A vacant store at Franklin and Seventh Streets, opposite the central office, has been rented, and will be utilized for the purpose of distributing incoming mails. Nearly 500 specially constructed, portable racks have been installed there, and the overflow of packages will be delivered in the city by twelve extra wagons, which will be put out to work this morning.

Everything at the post-office is now hustle and bustle. Under the increased pressure all of the available working force is on duty, and its efforts have been augmented by twenty-five extra clerks, who are working under the direction of Assistant Postmaster I. W. Fuller.

Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., has arranged to "pay off" his employees to-morrow, instead of January 1, the usual pay day of Uncle Sam. This was announced yesterday, and was received with much satisfaction by the clerks and carriers.

Sunday, Christmas day, will see little cessation of work. The post-office will be open during the forenoon and afternoon. The hours will be announced probably to-day. Monday, however, will be observed as a holiday. There will be only one delivery.

In order to facilitate matters all mail from the temporary quarters will be distributed in the main thoroughfares, while the cross-town streets will be cared for by substitutions.

Many people still persist in sealing packages with Red Cross stamps and the various forms of Christmas seals and stickers. These parcels will be opened and the stamps will be removed. To seal up packages in this manner makes it subject to first-class postage, while unsealed matter requires fourth-class rates.

Let it be Handkerchiefs

He's always needing them. And you'll give him better or nicer ones than "he'd" buy for himself.

He'll be tickled to death—as some folks say. And that reminds us.

We've some pretty Handky's for the ladies.

Two for a quarter and more according to quality.

Ladies, just insist that "he" comes here for Christmasy men's wear.

Men, just be as firm in bringing the lady with you. Nice things here for her, too.

Jacobs & Levy

The Men's Style Shop, 705 East Broad Street.

HOLIDAY RATES All Lines

December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1. Final limit, January 5, 1911. Purchase your tickets at our offices have your baggage checked to destination, and avoid waiting at the stations.

Richmond Transfer Co., 809 E. Main St., Murphy's and Jefferson Hotels.

Christmas Gifts

May be had at this store ranging in price from 25c to \$1,000.00. Each individual article bears the stamp of QUALITY.

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Look at the guarantee you get on G. M. Co.'s "Pearl" Roofing Tin, Manufactured by Gordon Metal Co., 14th and Dock Sts., Richmond, Va.

Your Laundry Mad. 418

Your shirts, collars and cuffs only look well when they have been laundered properly. A trial of our work will convince you.

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